



# THE CONSERVATION CONNECTION

Lancaster Conservation District



January 2008



## 2007 Arbor Day Celebration at Buford High School

The Lancaster Conservation District hosted its Arbor Day Celebration at Buford High School on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 9:00 am.



Mr. Whisenhunt welcomed faculty, staff, student body and guests to the program. Student Council President Michael Prosser announced that Casey Outen was the winner of the poem contest the school sponsored. Casey Outen read her poem about trees.

Buford High requested that the Arbor Day Celebration be held in honor of Bobby Whited, a former student who died in a car accident. Some of Bobby's family members were present. Coach Mike Wells gave a remembrance speech about Bobby. The Principal, Mr. Jonathan Phipps, presented a plaque that will be placed beside the tree in the courtyard saying that the tree planted today was planted in remembrance of Bobby Whited.

Arbor Day is a national observance that was started back in 1872 by Julius Sterling Morton to encourage people to plant and care for trees. The National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April and each state has their own day to celebrate Arbor Day, which in South Carolina is the first Friday in December.

Each school in the Lancaster County School District was invited to participate in the contest. Buford High School was selected as the winner of the Lancaster Conservation District's Arbor Day Contest for 2007.

The representative from Buford High School was Jeffrey Whisenhunt, Agricultural Educator. He wrote a short paper on why the Lancaster Conservation

District should host the celebration at their school.

Mr. Whisenhunt said "Buford High is dedicated to improving the character and quality of students and their lives. Through your presentation on Arbor Day, we will be able to reinforce the importance of keeping our campus clean and managing natural resources. This is something that we strive to teach the students on a daily basis. Education and management of a campus is intended to inspire our students to manage and maintain their lives off campus at a higher level than what it is now," said Mr. Whisenhunt.

"We wanted to plant a tree in memory of Bobby Whited because he was an excellent student and showed great character in his life. Hopefully this tree will be a symbol to our students to constantly work on their character like Bobby did," Mr. Whisenhunt said.

"The Lancaster Conservation District commends the school on its efforts to protect our natural resources," said Sandy Nelson, Chair of the Lancaster Conservation District.



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YOU can be instrumental in helping conserve Lancaster County's natural resources. Affiliate Members are a vital part of our conservation team! Without monetary support given by Affiliate Members, we would not be able to carry out the many programs needed to promote conservation within the county.

Monies collected through the Affiliate Membership Program will be used to advance our educational programs.

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## Are You A “Locavore?”



Global warming, carbon foot-prints, conservation of water and fuel - there is a lot in the news these days about what individual people can do to make the environment healthier. Here's one thing you can do: you can become more of a 'locavore.'

What in the world is a 'locavore?' Well, for one thing, it is the New Oxford American Dictionary's "2007 Word of the Year." It means someone who tries to buy and eat (the 'vore' part of the word) food that is grown locally (the 'loca' part of the word). You may remember '-vore' words from high school science. An animal that eats only plants is called an 'herbivore.' An animal that eats meat and plants and anything else they can find is called an 'omnivore.'

"The word 'locavore' was coined two years ago by a group of four women in San Francisco who proposed that local residents should try to eat only food grown or produced within a 100-mile radius," according to the Oxford University Press web site. Other regional movements followed, some calling themselves 'localvores.'

Buying locally-grown food means that fuel is not used to ship produce long distances. Also, small farmers usually use small tractors and other small-scale equipment, so the local farmers do not put off as much greenhouse gas as large commercial farmers.

Many people in Lancaster County have gardens and grow their own food. There are two farmers markets in Lancaster County: the county market on Highway 9 across from the Sheriff's office and the Lancaster Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association market at Ace Hardware and Garden Center on South Market Street. These markets are not open year-round, but they provide the opportunity for Lancaster County citizens to buy fruits and vegetables grown near to home.

"People buying at the markets should always ask if the produce is grown locally," said Mae Barber, President of the Lancaster Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association. "We allow only members of our association to sell at Ace Hardware, and they must sell only their produce or that of family members."

"As well as helping the environment, we think the taste is so much better because our fruits and vegetables are so much fresher," said Barber. "The produce hasn't sat in a warehouse or a truck for hours or days."

For more information, check out the website [www.locavores.com](http://www.locavores.com).

The Lancaster Conservation District and its partners, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and the SC Department of Natural Resources, support conservation of all our natural resources. For more information, contact the conservation office in Lancaster at 803-286-4455, extension 3.

## Tree-Free Products

**Did you know that there are "Earth Friendly" forms of clothes and note paper?** By making an effort to use these products, and others like them, we can live our "normal" lives but create less waste, use less energy and conserve our environment. Some companies are using bamboo, sugar cane and kenaf as alternatives.

**What is kenaf?** A member of the hibiscus family (*Hibiscus cannabinus* L), it is related to cotton and okra, and grows well in many parts of the U.S. It offers a way to make paper without cutting trees. Kenaf grows quickly, rising to heights of 12-14 feet in as little as 4 to 5 months...studies show that kenaf yields of 6 to 10 tons of dry fiber per acre per year are generally 3 to 5 times greater than the yield for Southern pine trees, which can take from 7 to 40 years to reach harvestable size.

For more information, check out the website [www.tree-free.com](http://www.tree-free.com).





## Upcoming Events For January, February and March

**Jan. 1**– New Year's Day Holiday- Office will be closed.

**Jan. 7 at 7:00 pm**- The Lancaster Conservation Board of Commissioners' monthly meeting. It will be held in their office at 1771 Hwy. 521 Bypass South, Lancaster.

**Jan. 16-18** Conservation Partnership Conference "South Carolina At The Crossroads: The Future Of Our Water" at Myrtle Beach, SC

**Jan. 21**- Martin Luther King's Birthday Holiday- Office will be closed.

**Feb. 4 at 7:00 pm**- The Lancaster Conservation Board of Commissioners' monthly meeting. It will be held in their office at 1771 Hwy. 521 Bypass South, Lancaster.

**Feb. 18**- President's Day Holiday- Office will be closed.

**Feb. 19**- South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts (SCACD) Dinner at Seawell's in Columbia

**Mar. 3 at 7:00 pm**- The Lancaster Conservation Board of Commissioners' monthly meeting. It will be held in their office at 1771 Hwy. 521 Bypass South, Lancaster.

### **\*\*\*Attention All Affiliate Members and Newsletter Sponsors for 2007\*\*\***

Please contact Amanda Roberts, District Manager, by **January 18, 2008**, if you did **NOT** receive your tax information sheet for your 2007 contribution. The contact information is 803-286-4455 ext. 3 or [LSWCD@comporium.net](mailto:LSWCD@comporium.net).



## What Is The Clemson University Extension Service Offering?



**The Master Wildlifer II Program** will begin Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> and run until March 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be 4 Tuesday evening sessions from 6:30pm-9:00pm. Topics include Management of Bobwhite Quail, Management of White-tailed deer, Management of Eastern Wild Turkey, and Management of Native and Planted Food Plots. Location for the event has yet to be established. Those interested can contact Corey Heaton by phone at 803-385-6181 ext. 112 or by email at [heaton2@clemson.edu](mailto:heaton2@clemson.edu) for more information.

### Do You Need Hay?

#### **Here is a list of places to help you find hay:**

- Market Bulletin at <http://www.scds.state.sc.us> Click on "Market Bulletin"
- USDA–Farm Service Agency eHayNet–<http://www.fsa.usda.gov> Click on "Hay Net"
- Local Feed Stores and Extension Offices
- Other Livestock Owners

### Education Program

The Education Program has been very busy. Here is list of the items we have been working on:

- Reviewing the Contest Entries for 07-08
- Participating in an in-service training session for the Lancaster County School Teachers
- Presenting the "Water Quality" EnviroScape to Lancaster County Middle and High School Students

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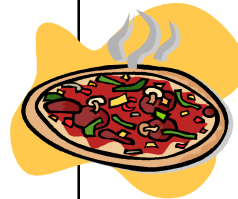
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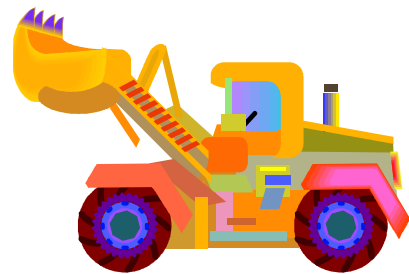
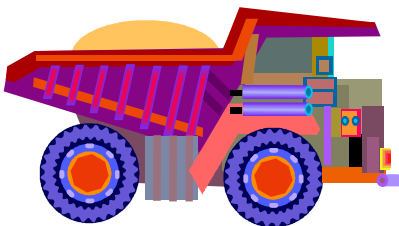
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Commissioners of the Lancaster  
Conservation District meet on the  
first Monday of every month at  
7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at  
the district office at 1771 Hwy.  
521 Bypass South in Lancaster, SC.

You are welcome to join us for  
these meetings!

## Officials for the Lancaster

### Conservation District:

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resources by educating school  
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conservation and  
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